

January 12th, 2026

Dear Seventh Graders and Families,

We are excited to begin the process of planning your 8<sup>th</sup> grade program, and will soon be reviewing course options with students during the school day. Eighth grade provides for a continuation of the academic programs from 7<sup>th</sup> grade and the introduction of new elective courses for students whose schedule allows.

Students in grade 8 have course options in Math, Science, and their elective program. Choices for math include **Regents Algebra I or Math 8**. Choices for science include **Regents Earth and Space Sciences or Science 8**.

Any student needing academic support will be scheduled appropriately, however, should there be room in a student's schedule, they may also choose to take either **Introduction to Research Methods** or the "**21st Century CTE**" elective course. Descriptions of all courses may be found on our school webpage in the [Syosset Middle Schools Curriculum Guide](#).

The curriculum guide and Steps for Selecting 8th Grade Courses will assist you in learning about the course offerings and making your selections in the [Campus Portal](#). Please read these materials carefully and enter your selections by **Tuesday, January 20th, 2026 at 12:00 PM**.

Should you have any questions at all about your child's 8th grade program, please don't hesitate to contact their guidance counselor in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bonanno,  
H.B. Thompson MS Principal